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SUBJECT: WFP/INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE, 28TH SESSION, FIRST DAY.

1. IGC-28 CONVENED UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF NETHERLANDS DELEGATE TUINMAN. PROVISIONAL AGENDA APPROVED WITH NO CONTROVERSIAL CHANGES. CHAIR NOTED THAT FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN KHAN OF PAKISTAN WAS TRANSFERRED, SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN DIORY OF SENEGAL WAS CONFIRMED AS CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (SCW), AND SKILES OF USDEL WAS APPOINTED RAPPORTEUR. TIMETABLE APPROVED SCHEDULING PLENARY SESSIONS EVERY MORNING, SCW MONDAY AND TUESDAY PM, AND BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY PM AFTER PLENARY DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ITEMS WEDNESDAY MORNING. USA WAS APPOINTED TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE.

2. IN HIS STATEMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AQUINO PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR REORGANIZATION OF IGC AS COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (CFA), AND OFFERED PROPOSED AGENDA FOR FIRST SESSION OF CFA TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6, ACTIONS OF INTEREST TO WFP. STATEMENTS OF AQUINO, DIR-GEN BOERMA AND VAN DER HEIDE REPRESENTING UNSYG ALL NOTED RECOMMENDATION OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THAT 500,000 TONS PER YEAR OF EMERGENCY

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FOOD AID BE CHanneled THROUGH WFP. FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

BULA HOYOS MADE STATEMENT, SETTING NEW PRECEDENT IN APPEARING BEFORE IGC. HE RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF DLR 750 MILLION PLEDGE TARGET, AS DID AQUINO AND VAN DER HEIDE, AND SPOKE OF BROADER ROLE OF NEW CFA IN PROBLEM OF HUNGER, WHICH ROLE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID EFFORTS AND IN SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. AQUINO REFERRED TO POLICY ISSUES TO BE EXAMINED: (1) SECTOR APPROACH FOR PROJECTS, (2) GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SALE AND EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES AND (3) SIMILAR FLEXIBILITY IN PURCHASES, PRIMARILY IN LDCS.

3. DISCUSSION OF ITEM 4, RECOURCES, INCLUDED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ADDITIONAL SMALL PLEDGES HAVE RAISED LEVEL OF 1975-76 RESOURCES TO A FIRM DLR 598 MILLION AND THAT INDICATIONS OF NEW PLEDGES FOR 1976 SHOWED PROMISE OF DLR 650 MILLION TOTAL FOR THIS BIENNIUM. HUNGARY MENTIONED DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF INDOCHINA, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, AND STATED THAT RECONSTRUCTION OF THAT AREA REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. U.S. DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT BASED ON FIRST FOUR PARAGRAPHS OF US POSITION. FINAL DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM AND DECISION RE DLR 750 MILLION TARGET EXPECTED TUESDAY MORNING. US DELEGATE WILL SPEAK AGAIN ON THIS ITEM AT THAT TIME.

4. SCW INITIALLY DISCUSSED WHETHER TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY REGION OR IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE AND THEN PROCEEDED WITH ROUTINE REVIEW. BY END OF AFTERNOON SESSION SCW HAD APPROVED 14 OF THE 18 NEW PROJECT UNDER ITEM 7. USDEL POSED QUESTION RE ONCE-PER-MONTH RATION DISTRIBUTION PROPOSED FOR EGYPT 2184. USDEL ALSO BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF SCW FACT THAT DISCREPANCIES NOTED IN EARLIER EVALUATION REPORTS NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MANAGEMENT OF YAR 380 AND UNDERCORD SECRETARIAT ASSURANCES RE ADEQUACY OF WFP STAFF IN YEMEN AND PLAN FOR INTERIM EVALUATION IN ONE YEAR. VOLPED

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